

Weekly Update Narrative September 27, 2021

At 7 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 30, the Scituate Harbor Redevelopment Commission (SHARC) will meet to discuss the future of the former Pier 44 building on Jericho Road. For Zoom link, visit: scituatema.gov.

The Capital Planning Committee and Beach Committee have openings. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Lorraine Devin at the Select Board office (ldevin@scituatema.gov).

Town Administrator Jim Boudreau said water main work on Old Oaken Bucket Road is basically finished apart from some patching prior to final paving. He urged caution when traveling along that road.

Brook Street to Tilden Road is now closed to through-traffic due to water main work.

Water demand is 1.281 million gallons a day, up slightly from 1.267 million gallons the previous week. Levels of manganese are slowly dropping. However, the levels have not dropped enough to stop the discoloration in the water. Call the water department if you experience discoloration so the incidences can be tracked.

Boudreau said there were 14 new Covid cases in town down from 17, the previous week. The town's 14-day positivity rate is 1.69 down from 2.41 percent.

Residents are encouraged to get Covid vaccinations to prevent serious illness.

The CDC is recommending booster shots for people 65 and older, those 50-64 with underlying health conditions, and those in high-risk jobs. Boosters are for those who had the Pfizer vaccine. The Moderna vaccine has not yet received approval for a booster. That approval is expected soon. It is recommended that people, who get boosters, stick with the same vaccine.

Caution is urged when traveling First Parish Road due to some raised structures. Final paving will be completed soon. Once the roadway is paved, police will be conducting radar patrols to discourage speeding.

Work on the PJ Steverman inline skating rink at the high school is expected to wrap up by early October. The project was paid for with funds from the Community Preservation Act.

Well 17A will come online as soon as the electrical service is in. It will provide 225,000 to 250,000 gallons of clean water daily to the town's water system.

Widows Walk Clubhouse work is progressing well. Backwash from Well 18B will be used for golf course irrigation once testing is complete.

The lunch program at the new Senior Center is a huge success with as many as 90 seniors participating. Lunches for \$5 are available Monday through Thursday. Please call 781-545-8722 and press 0 for the front desk to make a reservation two days in advance.

Cedar Point basecoat is down. The finish coat will be finished by winter.

Supt. of Schools William Burkhead said the schools had two new Covid cases which is the same number as the week before.

The School Department is in phase one (the eligibility period) with the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) for a potential new elementary school to replace Hatherly School.

The School Department has been asked to participate in a new program to understand if recently completed buildings are operating and performing as designed. The post-occupancy evaluation at the Gates Middle School is part of the program.

Expectation nights at the various schools have been a big success and provide detail on student offerings.

The School Committee meets at 6 p.m. Monday (Oct. 4). Visit: scituate.k12.ma.us for details.

The School Department website is providing one-stop-shopping with all the information students and families need to stay connected.

Save the date for the Special Town Meeting on Oct. 26. The 15 articles include a Citizens Petition to eliminate the moratorium for marijuana retailers in town.